

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES, BRIAN GOSS, AND DON ADAMS. BRENDA ADAMS, COUNTY AUDITOR, DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, AND PETE FOLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

NORMAN VOYLES ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**PROLIANCE AGREEMENT**

Norman Voyles stated that at the last meeting, the board approved moving toward acquiring natural gas through ProLiance and the wholesale market. Mr. Voyles stated that he has now received the agreement with ProLiance. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the agreement. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH BOARD ORDINANCE**

Frans Hollanders, 911 Director, stated that before a dispatch center can be considered, the Board of Commissioners must have an ordinance establishing a board that would govern the centralized dispatch center. The members of the board are the sheriff, two police chiefs, two fire chiefs, a township fire chief, a town marshal, the EMA director, and a member of the Board of Commissioners. Once the ordinance is approved, and the board chooses a chairman, the board would recommend a site for the center. The final decision would be made by the Commissioners. The board would also make a recommendation for a director. Norman Voyles asked how this board would differ from the 911 Board. Mr. Hollanders stated that he would find out and report back. Don Adams stated that he wasn't in favor (yet) of a centralized dispatch center and mentioned his concerns with the costs of a new dispatch center and the need for a backup system. Mr. Adams stated that he would like to see standard operating procedures written up now and all dispatchers should be EMD certified. Mr. Adams stated that a lot of the benefits could be realized with a unified dispatch center and at a lesser cost if they didn't build a new building. Sheriff Robert Downey stated that without a board, they would not have the authority to tell other agencies how to operate and there was not a building in the Martinsville area that would fit their needs. Brian Goss stated that the building would need to be built to withstand a tornado and they would need to have an antenna that would be at a higher elevation. Pete Foley stated that the intent of the ordinance was to put together the infrastructure of a department at the county level before the final decision was made as to what that department will look like – unified or centralized. Mr. Foley will review the scope of the 911 Board to determine if there is an overlap in functions. Mr. Voyles stated that this ordinance is the first step. Kenny Hale, Morgan County Planning Director, stated that the county has discussed centralized dispatch since 1990. One center would eliminate dropped calls, they will still have to transfer calls with a unified center. It will be less expensive, just in utility costs, to operate one center rather than two. Both studies compared unified and centralized dispatch centers. Putnam County went with centralized dispatch but they have a "cold" backup in the courthouse. Some of the other counties he visited have interlocal agreements with neighboring counties (some with neighboring states) for their backup. Mr. Goss stated that December 2014 will be here before they know it and if they need to build a new building, they need to get the ball rolling. Mr. Adams stated that he was not ready to make a decision on a building or a director. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-1. Don Adams opposed.

**STOP SIGN ORDINANCE**

Paul Prather and Willie Etter were present to request that a three-way stop sign be placed at the intersection of Hess Road and Morgantown Road. Mr. Prather stated that he took pictures of the area and toured the area with Norman Voyles. Mr. Prather stated that there are trees and bushes blocking the view on Hess Road and vehicles must pull out into the intersection in order to see traffic; he has had several near misses because of this. He has talked to several residents in the area who stated that they thought it would be in the interest of public safety to make the intersection a three-way stop. Mr. Etter stated that he has noticed several near crashes at the intersection and vehicles had to run off the side of the road to avoid a crash. Don Adams stated that he supported the three-way stop, but thought there should be notice that there is a stop sign ahead. Brian Goss expressed his concern that drivers will not slow down enough for cars stopped at the stop sign. Don Adams made a motion to waive the second reading and approve the Ordinance Controlling the Intersection of Old Morgantown Road and Hess Road with a Three-way Stop. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

### **AMENDMENT - DRIVEWAY PERMIT ORDINANCE**

Norman Voyles stated that a property owner wanted to put a plastic pipe in the culvert for their driveway and was told that the ordinance states it must be cement or metal. Kenny Hale stated that he did not see this addressed in the Subdivision Ordinance or the Zoning Ordinance. Larry Smith stated that the approved materials are on the permit application. Mr. Voyles stated that Ordinance 7-3-11, An Ordinance Regulating Approaches to County Roads, does not specify the material used. Kenny Hale stated that the homeowner puts in the culvert when they get a driveway permit; this is fine as long as the construction is done, but heavy trucks could crush the culvert and the county replaces the culvert after the first one. Mr. Hale stated that the ordinance should identify the materials that can be used. Pete Foley suggested adding Section 3.5 to the ordinance that would outline what the minimum culvert standards would be. Brian Goss stated that he is not against using plastic pipe, but it crushes easily. Jimmy Waggoner, Morgan County Highway Superintendent, stated that if there isn't enough cover over the top of the pipe, even a light commercial vehicle can crush it. Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that plastic pipe requires at least a foot of cover and most ditches don't have enough depth to be able to install them correctly. The plastic also has air bubbles in it and will float if it comes up, causing a dam. Brian Goss made a motion to amend the ordinance on first reading to state that plastic piping is not allowed. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

### **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FACADE**

Brian Goss stated that the façade was quoted two ways, either split face block with weep holes and expansion joint for \$5,700, or use brick that will not match exactly for \$8,700. This includes both corners and includes removing the brick on the north corner. Pete Foley stated that the quote is from a sibling of a board member. Effective as of July 1, 2012, the county has a policy regarding contracts between the county and family members. The statute states that the county can enter into the contract, but proper disclosure must be made in writing prior to entering into the contract and the board member must abstain from voting in the process. Mr. Foley stated that he would have a form developed for the next meeting. Don Adams made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0-1. Brian Goss abstained.

### **TREE REMOVAL**

Norman Voyles stated that there is a group that would like to apply for a grant to improve the landscape around the Courthouse. Improving the landscape would involve pruning, removing dead branches from the trees, fertilizing and treating trees for disease, etc. The grant would be through the USDA Forest Service, IDNR, and/or the Community Foundation. The Indiana Department of Corrections has a tree crew that does removal at no cost to the county. There are four trees on the north side that need to be removed; two of them are hazardous because of the dead limbs, and the other two are becoming hazardous. Mr. Voyles recommended that they proceed with this as soon as possible before a limb falls and injures someone. The grant funds would then be used to assist in replacing the trees. Don Adams made a motion to allow the removal of the four trees. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

### **ORDINANCE - CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Norman Voyles stated that this was approved at the last meeting, but the attorney was not present and they did not have the paperwork available for signatures at that time. The paperwork has been prepared and the Board signed the documents.

### **EDIT 2013-2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Pete Foley stated that the 2013-2014 EDIT Capital Improvement Plan was also approved at the last meeting, but the paperwork was not available. The paperwork has been prepared and the Board signed the documents.

### **MINUTES**

Don Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

### **TORT CLAIMS**

Don Adams made a motion to send the Huse, Egan (as a representative of the Kidwell estate), Black, and Neal tort claims to the insurance company. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

### **SHERIFF / JAIL UPDATE**

Reserve Deputy Gerry McGrath stated that there are 297 inmates at the jail; 236 males and 61 females. Nine inmates are on work release, 8 males and 1 female, and 25 inmates are on the jail corrections crew, 21 males and 4 females. There are 28 DOC inmates, 24 males and 4 females. There have been 387 calls for service for the month, 5,216 for the year. There were 8,537 CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) calls.

Deputy McGrath stated that there was a foot chase in the area of the county highway garage and the sheriff wanted to express his appreciation to the highway garage employees who assisted in locating the suspect.

**HIGHWAY UPDATE**

Jimmy Waggoner stated that crews have been out hot patching, cutting trees, mowing, and doing what they can in the heat.

**ENGINEER UPDATE**

Larry Smith stated that they have 75 to 80% of the line stripping done. Wallace has completed the paving and Milestone will start the first week in August. The plans are in for the bridge on Cox Road and they will be accepting quotes for the installation soon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Brian Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

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Norman Voyles

Attest:

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Brian Goss

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Brenda Adams, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Don Adams